

I believe mandating copy protection on home HDTV decoders is a bad idea. This will only further drive up the consumer cost of this already very expensive new technology. If HDTV is to succeed as the new broadcast standard then every effort has to be made to keep it affordable. I don't believe that consumers recording broadcast television poses a significant threat to the rights of the copyright holder. If they do not want people to record a program to watch later then they do not have to broadcast it. Recording television has never posed a significant problem and this will not change with HDTV.

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